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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, GW, CG

SUBJECT: OTRAG ACTIVITIES IN SHABA PROVINCE

REF: (A) STATE 200972; (B) LUBUMBASHI A-9 NOTAL

1. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON FOLLOWING  
ASPECTS OF REF (B):

-- WHAT ARE SOURCES OF STATEMENTS IN LAST PARA OF PAGE 2  
THAT DEBUS, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH BOTH OTRAG AND NASA, PROVIDES AN INFORMAL LINK  
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BETWEEN THE TWO SPACE CENTERS, AND THAT OTRAG REPORTS  
REGULARLY ON ITS OPERATIONS TO NASA?

-- WHO ARE THE OTHER SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH OTRAG  
AND NASA? WHAT TIES DID OR DO THEY HAVE WITH NASA?

-- HOW MANY OTRAG CADRE EMPLOYEES HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS?

2. IN GENERAL, DEPT AND NASA ARE INTERESTED IN ANY  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SCOPE AND OPERATIONS OF OTRAG  
PROJECT IN SHABA. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI IS TO BE COMMENDED  
FOR VERY THOROUGH REPORT REF (B) AND OUR MAIN INTEREST IS

IN DETERMINING EVIDENTIARY BASIS OF SOURCES' STATEMENTS  
RE CONNECTIONS WITH NASA. CHRISTOPHER

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